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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

Indian Medical Service.

THE meeting of the Naval and Military Committee of the British Medical Association, on June 2nd, had before it the resolution of the Council expressing its appreciation of the action of the Government in increasing the pay of officers of the Indian Medical Service, and its approval of the general undertaking given by the deputation to the Secretary of State for India to the effect that the Association would use its influence in securing officers for the service. The Committee had before it also the communiqué on new rates of pay on the military side, issued by the Secretary of State, and published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of May 3rd, 1919, p. 563. As the Committee has not yet received a communication from the Secretary of State with regard to the adjustment of the increased pay on the civil side of the Indian Medical Service it was felt that it could not take any further steps at the present time, particularly as there was reason to expect that the report of the Medical Services Committee, which had been sitting in India, would shortly be published. The Committee took note of various communications it had received from individual officers in military employment, pointing out that the increased rate of pay they would individually receive did not amount to 33⅓ per cent.

Income Limit for Insured Persons.

The attention of members is drawn to the report of a deputation from the Council of the Association to Major Astor, M.P., chairman of the Joint Committee of the Insurance Commissioners, on the subject of the proposed increase of income limit under the Insurance Acts, which appears in the body of the JOURNAL.

Purchase and Repair of Motor Cars.

The British Medical Association has been informed by the Ministry of Munitions that the Priority Department has been closed down, and that no assistance can now be given by the Ministry to medical practitioners requiring permits for the purchase of new motor cars or the execution of any repairs.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: ENGLISH DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Division, to which all practitioners (members and non-members) were invited, was held at Carlisle on May 30th.

Dr. ALFRED COX, Medical Secretary of the Association, gave an address on the experience of the medical profession as regards the National Insurance Acts and its effects upon the coming Ministry of Health, and was heard with much appreciation by a large audience. An animated discussion followed, in which the following took part: Drs. N. MACLAREN, BOWSER, ABLETT, DOUGHTY, GRAHAM, BELL, IRVING, DOLAN, CRERAR, and COMRIE. Dr. COX having replied, he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Dr. BOWSER, seconded by Dr. ABLETT.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman: Mr. N. Maclaren. *Vice-Chairman:* Dr. G Cullen. *Representative in Representative Body:* Dr. Muriel. *Deputy Representative:* Dr. Anderson. *Honorary Secretary:* Dr. J. R. S. Anderson.

At the conclusion of the meeting a banquet was held, the guests of the evening being Dr. Cox and Mr. W. Theodore Carr, M.P.

EDINBURGH BRANCH: EDINBURGH AND LEITH DIVISION.

AT a largely attended meeting of the medical profession in Edinburgh and Leith district, called by the Edinburgh and Leith Division to consider the extension and revision of the National Insurance Acts, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

That the proposal to raise the income limit for insured persons from £160 to £250 be uncompromisingly opposed.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of the Branch was held at Gloucester on May 22nd, when the following officers were elected:

Chairman: Dr. D. E. Finlay. *Representative in Representative Body:* Dr. D. E. Finlay. *Honorary Secretary:* Dr. H. Cairns Terry.

The formal business having been concluded, a general meeting of the practitioners of the County of Gloucester was held. There were about fifty medical men present, and the meeting was addressed by Dr. ALFRED COX, O.B.E., Medical Secretary of the Association.

Dr. COX spoke of the proposed revision of service under the Insurance Acts for 1920, and urged medical men to study the Report of the Insurance Acts Committee (M.25), which every practitioner in the area had received. He hoped this important report would be read and discussed in detail. He asked that any meeting held to consider it would realize that these proposals were an honest attempt of the Commissioners and the Insurance Acts Committee to come to an understanding; and the main object of his address was to urge medical men to consider these proposals in the same atmosphere as they had been discussed between the Commissioners and the representatives of the Insurance Acts Committee. He warned the meeting not to repeat the mistake of mentioning in negotiations a rate of remuneration for work until the expected amount and conditions of work had been ascertained. He impressed upon the meeting the urgent need for the Defence Trust Fund.

Dr. Cox replied to questions put to him, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to him for coming to address the meeting.

KENT BRANCH: CANTERBURY AND FAVERSHAM DIVISION.

AT the annual meeting of the Canterbury and Faversham Division, held at Canterbury on May 14th (notice of the meeting having been sent to the Secretary Isle of Thanet Division), the officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Chairman: Dr. C. J. Evers (Faversham). *Vice-Chairman:* Dr. N. Robson (Sittingbourne). *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer:* Dr. T. B. Heggs (Sittingbourne). *Representative in Representative Body:* Dr. T. B. Heggs (Sittingbourne). *Representative on Branch Council:* Dr. H. O. Preston (Canterbury).

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: STRATFORD DIVISION.

THE annual general meeting of the Division, called for May 21st, was adjourned with a view to hearing the views of the Medico-Political Union at a meeting arranged in the district by that body. After Dr. STANCOMB had advocated the formation

of a branch of the union, it was decided that no local branch should be formed.

The adjourned annual meeting, to which the whole local profession was invited, was held on May 28th. The officers for the ensuing year were elected, Dr. Challans being appointed chairman. A report was submitted of the work of the Local Medical War Committee during its existence. It was decided not to reappoint the committee, but to leave any ethical matters which might arise to the executive of the Division.

A number of matters were discussed, including the Ministry of Health Bill, the future service under the National Insurance Acts, and the organization of the medical profession. The ethical position of medical men visiting the patients of others, whilst acting in official capacities, was brought forward, especially in connexion with the action of medical referees to the Pension Committees, and it was decided to bring the matter to the notice of the Ethical Committee of the Association.

SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH.

AT the annual meeting of the Branch at Kilkenny, on May 7th, with Dr. J. H. JELLETT in the chair, the following officers were elected for 1919–20:

President: Dr. C. E. James. *Vice-President:* Dr. P. O'Brien. *Honorary Secretary:* Dr. P. Grace. *Honorary Treasurer:* Dr. J. H. Jellett. *Representative in Representative Body:* Dr. J. Power. *Deputy Representative in Representative Body:* Dr. J. Mitchell (Kilkenny). *Representative on Irish Committee:* Dr. J. V. Ryan (Carlow).

A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Jellett for the capable manner in which he conducted the meetings as President during the year.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Division was held at Portsmouth on May 22nd, when Dr. F. C. H. MUGGLETON was in the chair. Major C. A. SCOTT-RIDOUT, M.S., F.R.C.S., R.A.M.C.(T.), gave an interesting account of the experiences of the medical unit which left Portsmouth in 1916 for the East. His remarks on the surgical work done in Salonica and Italy were much appreciated. Lieut.-Colonel T. A. M. FORDE, Dr. R. J. LYTLE, Dr. JOHN CASHIN, O.B.E., Surgeon Commander BANKART, C.V.O., R.N., Dr. HAMAR HODGES, Dr. GARTON, and Mr. BOSWORTH WRIGHT took part in the discussion which followed.

SURREY BRANCH: KINGSTON-ON-THAMES DIVISION.

AT the annual general meeting, held at the Surbiton Hospital on May 15th, the following officers were elected for the coming year:

Chairman: Dr. N. C. Carver. *Vice-Chairman:* Dr. A. M. Sully. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer:* Dr. T. W. Letchworth. *Representative in Representative Body:* Dr. R. N. Goodman. *Representative on Branch Council:* Dr. A. E. Evans.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: SHEFFIELD DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Sheffield Division was held on May 30th, when Dr. MYLAN, and later Dr. A. E. BARNES, was in the chair.

The annual report of the Executive Committee stated that during the year much of the ordinary work of the Division had been in abeyance owing to the war. The Local Medical War Committee had, however, done a large amount of work, of which an interesting account was given by the Honorary Secretary, Dr. FORREST.

The following officers for the year 1919–20 were elected:

Chairman: Dr. A. E. Barnes. *Vice-Chairman:* Lieut.-Colonel J. Mackinnon, D.S.O. *Honorary Secretary:* Dr. H. Brown. *Representatives in Representative Body:* Drs. Forbes and Lodge.

Votes of thanks were passed to the retiring chairman and officers, and also to Dr. Forrest.

BOMBAY BRANCH.

THE following officers have been elected:

President: The Hon. Major-General W. E. Jennings, I.M.S. *Vice-Presidents:* Lieut.-Colonel A. Street, I.M.S., and Dr. R. Row, D.S.O. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer:* D. R. Bardi. *Representative in Representative Body:* Lieut.-Colonel Ashton Street, I.M.S., F.R.C.S. *Members of Council:* Lieut.-Colonel S. C. Evans, I.M.S., Dr. Soraba K. Nariman, M.D., Lieut.-Colonel E. F. Gordon Tucker, I.M.S., Major Soraba K. Engineer, I.M.S.(T.F.), Assistant Surgeon E. S. Bharucha, Miss A. M. Benson, M.D.

QUEENSLAND BRANCH.

THE following officers have been elected for 1919:

President: Colonel A. Sutton, C.B., C.M.G., V.D. *Vice-Presidents:* Dr. J. Espie Dods, D.S.O., M.C.; Dr. A. Stewart. *Honorary Secretary:* Dr. J. Cameron Hemsley. *Honorary Treasurer:* Dr. E. J. Spark. *Curator of Library:* Dr. T. H. R. Mathewson. *Curator of Museum:* Dr. F. Howson. *Council:* Dr. L. P. Winterbottham, Dr. Eustace Russell, Dr. L. M. McKillop, Dr. C. A. Thelander. *Honorary Vice-Presidents:* Dr. T. P. Ross, D.S.O. (Townsville), Dr. E. A. Falkner (Toowoomba).

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN BRANCH.

AT the annual general meeting of the Branch on November 23rd the following office-bearers were elected:

President: Dr. Hadley. *Vice-President:* Dr. White. *Ex-President:* Dr. Atkinson. *Honorary Treasurer:* Dr. Trethowan. *Honorary Secretary:* Dr. Shearman. *Members of Council:* Drs. Clement, Merryweather, and Officers. *Auditors:* Drs. Moss and Randell.

Association Notices.

ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, 1919.

THE Annual Representative Meeting of the Association will be held in London, commencing on Thursday, July 24th.

The Council draws the special attention of all concerned to the fact that it is entirely within the discretion of the Constituency to decide whether the election of its Representative(s), Deputy-Representative(s), or both, shall be carried out by general meeting of the Constituency or by postal vote.

CONSTITUENCIES.

The list of provisional Home Constituencies in the Representative Body, 1919–20, was sent by the Council to all the Home Divisions and Branches in November. As intimated to all the Oversea bodies, the Council has made each Oversea Division and Division-Branch possessing an Honorary Secretary and the necessary organization an independent Constituency for election of a Representative.

ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The Representatives, and, where so desired, the Deputy-Representatives, for 1919–20 must be elected not later than June 26th, and their names notified to the Medical Secretary not later than July 3rd.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF SECRETARIES.

The Council has decided to hold an Annual Conference of Honorary Secretaries of Divisions and Branches in the afternoon of Wednesday, July 23rd, in connexion with the Representative Meeting. Particulars as to the Conference will be announced later. Honorary Secretaries are hereby invited to give notice of matters they desire should receive consideration. They are also reminded that, as in the case of Representatives, the first-class travelling expenses within the United Kingdom of the Honorary Secretary of a Division or Branch attending the Conference are payable from the central funds of the Association.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS IN AID OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

THE Council of the British Medical Association is prepared to receive applications for Research Scholarships as follows:

1. An *Ernest Hart Memorial Scholarship*, of the value of £200 per annum, for the study of some subject in the department of State Medicine.
2. *Three Research Scholarships*, each of the value of £150 per annum, for research into some subject relating to the causation, prevention, or treatment of disease.

Each Scholarship is tenable for one year, commencing on October 1st, 1919. A Scholar may be reappointed for not more than two additional terms.

The Conditions of the award of Scholarships are stated in the Regulations, a copy of which will be supplied on application to the Medical Secretary of the Association, 429, Strand, London, W.C.2.

GRANTS.

The Council of the British Medical Association is also prepared to receive applications for Grants for the assistance of Research into the Causation, Treatment, or Prevention of Disease. Preference will be given, other things being equal, to members of the medical profession, and to applicants who propose as subjects of investigation problems directly related to practical medicine.

The Conditions of the award of Grants are stated in the Regulations, a copy of which will be supplied on application to the Medical Secretary of the Association, 429, Strand, London, W.C.2.

Applications.

Applications for Scholarships and Grants for the year 1919–20 must be made not later than Saturday, June 28th, 1919, in the prescribed form, a copy of which will be supplied by the Medical Secretary on application.

Each application should be accompanied by testimonials, including a recommendation from the head of the laboratory, if any, in which the applicant proposes to work, setting out the fitness of the candidate to conduct

such work, and the probable value of the work to be undertaken. This is not intended, however, to prevent applications for Grants in aid of work which need not be performed in a recognized laboratory.

ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary.

429, Strand, London, W.C.2,
May 24th, 1919.

MEETING OF COUNCIL.

THE next Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, June 25th, in the Council Room, 429, Strand, London, W.C. 2.—By order,

W. E. WARNE,
Acting Financial Secretary and Business Manager.

June 5th, 1919.

THE LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

LENDING FACILITIES FOR MEMBERS.

THE Council has made arrangements whereby books relating to all branches of medical literature and general science can now be obtained on loan by members of the Association free of charge (other than any postage) from the Lending Department of the Library of the Association, 429, Strand, London, W.C. 2. The new facilities include, besides works on medicine, surgery, anatomy, physiology, bacteriology, dentistry, hygiene, obstetrics, and the other branches of medical and surgical science, the subjects of astronomy, biology, botany, chemistry, electricity, engineering, geology, microscopy, mining, physics, philosophy, sociology, technology, voyages and travels, zoology, etc. All such books issued will be latest editions, new books and new editions becoming available immediately upon publication.

The new facilities are additional to those which were already available for loan to members, of medical journals and periodicals, scientific reports of hospitals and laboratories, transactions of societies and congresses, and reports issued by States and municipalities, including those of commissions and committees appointed by States, municipalities, and legislative bodies.

The rules in respect of the new facilities will be similar to the previous rules. Copies of the rules, and all other information, may be obtained on application to the Librarian, British Medical Association, 429, Strand, London, W.C.2.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

DUNDEE BRANCH.—Dr. R. C. Buist, Honorary Secretary (166, Nethergate, Dundee), gives notice that the annual meeting of the Branch will be held in University College, Dundee, on Wednesday, June 18th, at 5 p.m. Business: Election of office-bearers; agenda of the Annual Representative Meeting. The Branch will meet for dinner in the Royal Hotel, Dundee, at 7 p.m., after the Branch meeting, when Dr. H. C. Colman will preside. The co-operation of the neighbouring Branches is hoped for, and members may invite private guests, including ladies. The dinner fee is 5s.—morning dress.

EAST YORK AND NORTH LINCOLN BRANCH: EAST YORKSHIRE DIVISION.—Dr. H. L. Evans, Honorary Secretary (101, Prince's Avenue, Hull), gives notice that the annual meeting of the Division will be held in the Board Room of the Hull Royal Infirmary, on Friday, June 20th, at 8.15 p.m. Business: Annual report, financial statement, election of officers, etc.

KENT BRANCH.—Dr. E. A. Starling, Honorary Secretary (Chillingworth House, Tunbridge Wells), gives notice that the sixth annual meeting of the Branch will be held on Wednesday, June 18th, in the Rochester, Chatham, and Gillingham Division. The President-elect, Mr. Godfrey Taunton (Chatham), kindly invites members to luncheon at the Mayor's Parlour, Town Hall, Chatham, at 1 p.m. (There will be standing room for many cars at the side of the Town Hall.) At 2 o'clock the members will be conducted over the Dockyard, by invitation of Rear-Admiral Sir W. Goodenough, K.C.B. Tea will be provided at the Town Hall, by the inviting Division, at 4 p.m. At 4.30 the annual business meeting will be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Chatham. Business: Report of the election of officers, annual report and financial statement, appointment of auditors, other business. Mr. Godfrey Taunton, will read a paper on "Chronic Intestinal Stasis in Children." The annual dinner will be held at the Bull Hotel, Rochester, at 6.30 p.m. (Tickets, 7s. 6d. each.) Wine will be provided by the local members.

LEINSTER BRANCH.—Mr. W. Doolin, F.R.C.S.I. (50, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin), gives notice that the annual meeting of the Leinster Branch will be held in the Irish Offices of the Association, 16, South Frederick Street, Dublin, on Friday, June 20th, at 5 p.m., to be followed by meetings of the Dublin and East Leinster Divisions.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—Mr. N. Bishop Harman and Captain Wilfred Kingdon, R.A.M.C. (Honorary Secretaries), give notice that the annual general meeting of the Branch will be held at 429, Strand, W.C.2, on Thursday, June 26th, at 4.30 p.m. The business will be: (1) Report of scrutineers as to the election of new officers. (2) The annual reports of Council and of representatives of the Branch on the Central Council. (3) Alteration of a certain rule. (4) President's Address: Mr. W. McAdam Eccles, "Reconstruction in Medical Education."

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE DIVISION.—Dr. James Hudson, Honorary Secretary *pro tem.* (23, Ridley Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne), gives notice that the sixteenth annual meeting of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Division will be held at 23, Ridley Place, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on June 12th, at 8 p.m., when matters of importance will be discussed; non-members of the Association are also invited. Agenda: Election of officials; annual report and financial statement; matters for discussion at Representative Meeting; report of Council of British Medical Association; amendment of Rule 11; any other competent business.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH: BEDFORD DIVISION.—Dr. E. R. Fasnacht, Honorary Secretary (116, Hurst Grove, Bedford), gives notice that the annual meeting of the Bedford Division of the South Midland Branch will be held on Thursday, June 12th, at the Embankment Hotel, Bedford, at 3 p.m., for the election of officers and Representatives; also to elect the President for the South Midland Branch, and to revise the Organization Rules. The Chairman (Dr. Waugh) has kindly invited the members to luncheon, at 1.30 p.m., at the Embankment Hotel.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.—Dr. L. Freeman Marks, Honorary Secretary (Brynheulog, Mumbles, Swansea) gives notice that the annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the Town Hall, Llanelly, on Thursday, June 12th, at 3.30 p.m.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—The eightieth annual meeting of the Branch will be held on Wednesday, June 11th, at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, at 3 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the President, Mr. J. M. Ackland. The report of the Branch Council and the annual financial statement will be presented and the officers of the Branch will be elected for 1919–20. An address, to which non-members of the Association are invited, will be given by Dr. Alfred Cox, O.B.E. (Medical Secretary of the Association), on the Ministry of Health Bill and the future of the medical profession. Luncheon, by kind invitation of the President, will take place from 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. at No. 1, Barnfield Crescent, and tea at the same address after the meeting. The annual dinner of the Branch will be held at the Rougemont Hotel at 7.30 o'clock. Tickets 10s. 6d. each, exclusive of wine. At 11.30 a.m. on the same date a meeting of all members of the medical profession practising within the administrative county of Devon will be held at the Devon and Exeter Hospital, to consider the formation of a body which could be put forward as representative of the profession in the administrative county of Devon, and be available for consultation by any administrative body set up under the Ministry of Health Bill; and to discuss the question of raising fees to meet the altered conditions created by the war.

INSURANCE.

LOCAL MEDICAL AND PANEL COMMITTEES.

LONDON PANEL COMMITTEE.

ON May 20th the London Panel Committee met at the offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, Dr. H. J. CARDALE, the Chairman of the Committee, being in the chair.

Joint Committee of Panel Committees.

The Committee approved a scheme for the establishment of a "standing joint committee of local medical and panel committees for London and the Northern Home Counties" (i) to act as a means of consultation among constituent Panel Committees, and to assist in co-ordinating their work; and (ii) to consider anything which it might appear desirable to suggest to the Panel Committees in the group as likely to advance the common interests of insurance practitioners in the area. The standing joint committee will consist of two representatives of the Panel Committees for London, Middlesex, Hertfordshire, Essex, West Ham, and Southend, together with the three representatives of the whole area (Group K) upon the Insurance Acts Committee of the British Medical Association.

The Income Limit.

Consideration was given to the proposal emanating from the approved societies to increase the insurance income limit from £160 to £250, and the Committee approved the alteration of the income limit for persons already insured so as to conform to the changed trade value of money as reasonable and necessary; and expressed the opinion that those persons not already insured, whose incomes have

not been increased to meet the changed trade value of money, should not be excluded from the privileges of insurance.

Remuneration of Practitioners.

The Finance and General Purposes Subcommittee reported that they had approached the Insurance Acts Committee urging them to represent to the Government the necessity for immediately adjusting the remuneration of the practitioners serving under the National Insurance Acts during 1919, so that it might conform to the altered value of money. The Committee approved the action so taken, and are asking all Panel Committees to take similar action.

Revision of Terms of Service.

The dissatisfaction expressed by practitioners with the present conditions of service under the Insurance Acts, and their unwillingness to continue under these conditions for any length of time, led the Committee to approve the action of their Subcommittee in informing the President of the Local Government Board and the Insurance Commissioners that the long promised revision of the terms of service should be completed without further delay, so that the new conditions may become operative by January 1st, 1920. All Panel Committees are being asked to send resolutions to this effect to the Insurance Commissioners and the President of the Local Government Board.

Medical Benefit Regulations.

The Panel Service Subcommittee submitted reports of negotiations with a view to securing amendments to the Medical Benefit Regulations (1) to limit the expenses recoverable by insured persons from practitioners; (2) to provide a time limit of three months within which complaints should be preferred against practitioners; (3) to prevent either the complainant or the respondent being permitted to agree to the withdrawal of a complaint upon payment by the other party of the expense incurred; and (4) to secure that all cases involving range of service should be referred to the Local Medical Committee.

Medical Service Subcommittee.

The Committee determined to call the attention of the Commissioners and the Insurance Committee to the necessity that a practitioner should not be asked to appear before the Medical Service Subcommittee until he has been informed specifically of the complaint preferred against him; and that where, in the course of an inquiry, other complaints emerge, such complaints should form the subject of a fresh inquiry.

The Supply of Drugs.

A Joint Committee, representing the Insurance, Panel, and Pharmaceutical Committees, has been appointed to deal with the early closing of chemists' shops, and to provide facilities for dispensing urgent prescriptions after 8 o'clock p.m. A review of the complaint cases dealt with by the Pharmaceutical Service Subcommittee has forced the Committee to the conclusion that the decisions of that Committee do not help towards a mitigation of the difficulties experienced by insured persons in obtaining drugs and appliances. The number of complaints of delay in dispensing medicines, short measure, inferior quality of drugs, and in some cases rudeness on the part of chemists and their assistants, has led the Committee to press on the Commissioners and the Insurance Committee the view that "some revision of the method of supplying drugs and appliances is urgently necessary."

DURHAM.

Income Limit for Insurance Act.

At a special meeting of the Durham County Medical and Panel Committee on May 15th the following resolution was passed in connexion with the proposal by the Government to increase the income limit under the Insurance Acts:

That the Durham County Panel Committee approves of the proposal to increase the present income limit which applies to insured persons from £160 to £250, provided that the Government arrange for a suitable increase in the capitation fee for the treatment of insured persons.

SURREY.

At a meeting of the Local Medical and Panel Committees on March 21st it was resolved that the scheme suggested for the payment of the grant to rural and semi-rural practitioners, to meet extra travelling expenses owing to the war, be accepted on the basis of the number of insured persons panel practitioners dispensed for, with the following proviso:

That practitioners residing in rural and semi-rural areas and not dispensing for insured persons should be entitled to participate in this grant, and that a circular be sent to every practitioner asking if they wish to make a claim, in which case it should be decided on the average common for dispensing practitioners in the county.

It was decided to issue the British Medical Association circular M.21, 1918–19, with an explanatory letter from the Chairman.

WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE.

At a meeting of the Local Medical and Panel Committees on April 4th it was agreed that as a man who enlisted was removed from the panel from the date of his enlistment, a man reinstated on the panel should be reinstated from the date of his discharge from the army.

It was announced that the Commissioners had approved payment for emergency dressings at the rate of 6d. per dressing as from January 1st, 1918, and that accounts already submitted by practitioners calculated at the rate of 3d. per dressing would be amended accordingly by the Committee and without further reference to practitioners, whose accounts would be credited at the new rate as from the beginning of 1918.

GENERAL COUNCIL
OF
MEDICAL EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION.

SUMMER SESSION, 1919.

Sir DONALD MACALISTER, K.C.B., President, in the Chair.

DISCIPLINARY CASES.

FELONY.

THE Council considered on May 28th the case of Nathaniel Osborne McConnell, M.B., B.S., R.U.I., of 113, North Street, Belfast, who was summoned to appear on the charge that, being a registered medical practitioner, he was convicted at Belfast Assizes on March 24th, 1919, of feloniously, wilfully, and of malice aforethought, killing and murdering Mary Jane Reid, and was sentenced to be hanged, which sentence was afterwards commuted to penal servitude for life.

Dr. McConnell appeared in person, and was informed by the President and the Legal Assessor that, the case being one of conviction for felony, the Council could not go into the question as to whether the conviction was justified or not, but had merely to decide whether the felony, which it had to assume was committed, was of such a character as to call for the removal of the defendant's name. The defendant made some observations to the effect that he was innocent of the charge, and that the court which had convicted him was a lay and not a medical court; but the President said that the Council had no power to retry the case. The defendant thereupon said that if he was not allowed to enter into details as to the crime of which he was accused he was hopelessly prejudiced.

After the Council had deliberated in private, the PRESIDENT said:

I have to announce the decision of the Council: that Nathaniel Osborne McConnell having been proved to have been convicted of the felony alleged against him in the Notice of Inquiry, the Registrar has been directed to erase his name from the *Medical Register*.

ALLEGED WRONGFUL ATTEMPT TO PROCURE DIPLOMAS.

The Council considered on May 28th the case of Robinson Ruddock Coyle, M.B., C.M.Glasg., of 36, Berkeley Terrace, Glasgow, who was summoned on the charge:

That, being a registered medical practitioner, you, with the object of procuring for your nephew James Allan (not being a registered medical practitioner) the diplomas of a deceased practitioner of the same name and thereby enabling the said James Allan to pass himself off as a registered medical practitioner, in or about the month of October, 1902, wrote and/or signed and addressed a letter to the parents or relatives of such deceased practitioner offering to purchase his diplomas. And that in relation thereto you have been guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect.

Dr. Coyle was present, together with his counsel, Mr. Travers Humphreys, and as there was no complainant the case was opened by the Council's Solicitor, Mr. HARPER, who said it involved the relation of facts regarding another person who was not present. In 1918 it was found that a man named James Allan, who was in medical practice at Chislehurst, and had received for his services in connexion with the Red Cross the O.B.E., was not on the *Medical Register*, although his name appeared in the Medical Directory, where he was described as M.B., C.M.Edin. It had been in the Directory continuously from 1903 to 1918, by which time the insertion had lengthened to ten lines, giving diplomas, appointments, membership of medical societies, and contributions to medical literature. The Director of Prosecutions took up the case, and in the course of investigation certain documents were received by the inspector in charge, Inspector A. Helden, one of which came from the sister of James Allan of Linlithgow, who

had qualified in 1893 and had died five years later. This was a typewritten letter, apparently on Dr. Coyle's printed paper, addressed to the parents or relatives of the late Dr. James Allan. The letter was undated, but the postmark was "Glasgow, October, 1902," and it read, "For diploma with certificate in fair condition I am prepared to give £5." It also went on to make an offer of purchase of surgical instruments. The letter was signed "R. R. Coyle, M.B., C.M.," and the envelope was also in Dr. Coyle's writing. Inspector Helden thereupon went to Glasgow and saw Dr. Coyle, from whom he learned that the living James Allan was his nephew. Dr. Coyle said that the letter was the work of his nephew, who had got into trouble with a woman in Glasgow, and wished to get rid of her by the fantastic method of getting some diplomas, opening a surgery, having a friend occupy the surgery, and when in due course the lady (seeing the name outside) would call at the surgery arranging for her to be told by the friend that James Allan was dead, and to have her attention called to the diplomas on the wall. James Allan, as he was not on the *Register*, did not come within the jurisdiction of the Council, but Dr. Coyle's statement was notified to the Council, and he was asked for an explanation of the letter. At first he denied the signature, but now he admitted that it was his, though he could remember nothing of the circumstances, nor did he accept Inspector Helden's account of the interview.

Inspector HELDEN, in evidence, gave an account of his interview with Dr. Coyle on November 15th, 1918. Dr. Coyle refused to make a signed statement or to permit the witness to take notes. But in the course of a long conversation the inspector elicited various facts with regard to James Allan: that he was born in Ireland in 1870, came to Glasgow at 18, was five years shop assistant in that city, also studying medicine there at a medical school which could not be identified, and that about 1893 he came to London, and some years later returned on a visit to Glasgow, giving his uncle the impression that he was a fully qualified medical man. Answering Mr. TRAVERS HUMPHREYS, the witness said that James Allan was assistant to a doctor at Barnes for some years, and before that was an assistant in Mile End. By 1902 he was regarded as an established medical man in Chislehurst. The description in the *Medical Directory* was correct, with the exception of his medical degree. Mr. HUMPHREYS suggested certain respects in which the inspector had misapprehended Dr. Coyle's statement at the interview.

Mr. HUMPHREYS, for the defence, said that undoubtedly James Allan was a very clever person, and Dr. Coyle, his professional qualifications apart, was not his equal in that respect. Dr. Coyle had been in disagreement with his nephew for many years, and had, indeed, been the means of his leaving Glasgow in 1892 or 1893. He accepted on Dr. Coyle's part the signature of the letter, which had been compared by experts with signatures on cheques and other documents, and could not be a forgery. Of the letter itself Dr. Coyle could offer no explanation, but there was no reason why Dr. Coyle in 1902 should lend himself to a nefarious practice for the benefit of his nephew with whom he was even then at variance, and the whole history of the case contradicted that suggestion. As to Mr. Allan, it was evident that he must have taken a course of medical study before 1902 in order to acquit himself as he did in his constant intercourse with his fellow practitioners.

Dr. COYLE, in evidence, said that he had been in practice for twenty-seven years. He could give no explanation of his signature. He did not believe he had ever signed a typewritten document, and he had never had a typewriter in his house. Possibly the signature was on a blank sheet and the typewritten words afterwards put in. After seventeen years he could not recall any of the circumstances. Asked by the LEGAL ASSESSOR whether he had ever looked in the *Medical Register* to see if his nephew was qualified, he said he had not done so. He had taken it for granted, and after seeing his nephew engaged in his work in London he had never had a thought on the subject of his registration. Asked by Mr. TRAVERS HUMPHREYS what possible use these diplomas could be to his nephew in 1902, then in practice in Chislehurst, he said he could not see that they would be of the smallest value. He added that at the interview with Inspector Helden he was very much disturbed and upset, but he denied parts of the inspector's version.

Inspector HELDEN, recalled, said that the interview with Dr. Coyle lasted two or three hours, with interruptions, consequent upon the doctor having to attend to patients. He made no notes at the interview, the doctor refusing to let him, nor did he make such notes in the waiting-room during the intervals, as he was then engaged in asking questions of the patients as to the kind of medical man Dr. Coyle was! He did not write out the particulars of the interview until he came back to London.

After the Council had deliberated in private, the PRESIDENT said:

Dr. Coyle, I have to announce to you that the Council does not see fit to direct the Registrar to erase your name from the *Medical Register*.

MISDEMEANOURS.

The Council considered, on May 28th, the case of Hugh Mowat, M.B., C.M.Aberd., of 116, Salisbury Road, Everton, Liverpool, who was summoned to appear on the charge that, being a registered medical practitioner, he had been convicted, in April, 1913, at Liverpool, of being drunk and disorderly, and in March, 1918, at the same place, of being drunk and incapable, and that in November, 1918, while temporary lieutenant in the R.A.M.C., he had been found guilty by a general court-martial of drunkenness while on active service and sentenced to be dismissed the army.

The Council's Solicitor, Mr. HARPER, said that the court-martial had recommended the accused to mercy on the ground of his age and his inexperience of military discipline. On October 31st, 1918, when on duty as orderly medical officer at the military hospital, Oswestry, he was evidently under the influence of drink, and went about his duties in pyjamas. There was no evidence that while the misdemeanours at Liverpool were committed he was attending patients.

Dr. MOWAT, giving evidence on his own behalf, maintained that the Liverpool incidents were due to an excess of zeal on the part of the police; in one instance he had merely been overcome, after a very slight indulgence, by going out into the night air. As to the charge of drunkenness while on military service, he had been suffering from influenza, and in order to keep himself fit for his work he took salicylate of soda, followed by four or five glasses of rum during twenty-four hours. He added that he joined the forces when over the age for compulsory service, and had more than once sent in his resignation, of which no notice had been taken. He put in a testimonial to his good conduct while acting as surgeon on a ship since his dismissal from the army.

After the Council had deliberated in private, the PRESIDENT said:

Mr. Mowat, I have to tell you that the convictions alleged against you in the Notice have been proved to the satisfaction of the Council. These convictions indicate a habit which may be not only dangerous to your patients but discreditable to your profession. In order to give you an opportunity of reconsidering your attitude in this matter, the Council has postponed judgement on the convictions proved against you till the November session. Before that date you will be required to send to the Registrar of the Council the names of some of your professional brethren who may be willing upon written application from the Registrar to testify by letter addressed to him for the use of the Council as to your character and conduct in the interval. You will receive in due course a formal written intimation of what I have just announced to you, and the intimation will specify the date to which I have referred, when you should be present, and should understand that in the event of any further conviction for a similar offence the Council may instruct the Registrar to erase your name from the *Medical Register*.

"UNDUE INFLUENCE."

The Council, on May 28th, 29th, and 30th, considered the case of Dr. William Herbert Fawcett, registered as of "Old Studley," Wimborne Road, Bournemouth, who was summoned on the charge:

That, being a registered medical practitioner, you, in the months of February, March, and April, 1917, whilst attending professionally your patient, Mrs. Clara Jane Barlow (who died on September 8th, 1917), at Bournemouth, and in conjunction with one Katie Wearham, nurse companion to the said Clara Jane Barlow, improperly used undue influence upon the said Clara Jane Barlow to make and execute a transfer to yourself of £1,000 National War Loan Stock, and to make and execute a will, dated April 30th, 1917, of which one Clement John Haydon and you were appointed executors, under which you and the said Katie Wearham benefited to the extent of a pecuniary legacy of £1,500 to each of you and by which you and the said Katie Wearham were made equal devisees and legatees of the residuary estate of the said Clara Jane Barlow.

And in respect whereof you have been under the censure of a judicial authority—namely the Honourable Mr. Justice Horridge, in the trial of an action of your co-executor and yourself against the Rev. Richard Henry Pring in the Probate Division of the High Court of Justice on November 15th, 1918 (in which it was sought to have the said will established), and also of the Court of Appeal on March 17th, 1919, on appeal from the judgement of the said Mr. Justice Horridge.

And that in relation thereto you have been guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect.

Dr. Fawcett attended, accompanied by his counsel, Mr. Cotes-Preedy, and his solicitor, Mr. Havilland.

Mr. COTES-PREEDY objected at the outset that the transfer of the War Stock was not the subject of the judge's censure. The objection was overruled on the ground that the transfer was relevant to the main issue.

Mr. HARPER, the Council's solicitor, said that this was the first case in his ten years' experience of the Council, if not the first in the Council's history, in which the question of undue influence had arisen. The late Mrs. Barlow's husband died in 1904, and in the following year

she was in bad health. She was then just over 60. She was found to be suffering from melancholia, and at the request of the trustees of her husband's marriage settlement, and on the advice of Dr. Hyslop who had been consulted, the Rev. R. H. Pring, her grand-nephew, acted for her under a power of attorney for about a year. She recovered her health and the power of attorney came to an end. In 1908 she went to Bournemouth, where Dr. Fawcett became her medical man. In 1914 she made a will whereby the residuary estate was left to Mr. and Mrs. Pring and their children. In February, 1917, Mrs. Barlow, desiring a new nurse companion, she consulted Dr. Fawcett, and after one or two suggestions, which did not materialize, Miss Katie Wearham was engaged. Mr. Harper then read at great length (his opening address occupying five hours) the evidence laid before the Probate and Appeal Courts, in which it was stated that friends and relatives and old servants were prevented from seeing Mrs. Barlow, and that she became coolly disposed towards Mr. Pring, whom hitherto she had regarded with affection.

The address was interrupted to admit of the evidence of Dr. Henry Grabham Lys, of Bournemouth, who was called in consultation with Dr. Fawcett in 1917 with regard to Mrs. Barlow's condition. He said that there was a certain amount of cerebral failure associated with arteriosclerosis. He gave the general advice that she should live very quietly: his recollection was not so clear as to having advised that she should see few friends; he would not have gone so far as to say that she should see none.

Mr. HARPER then concluded the history of the case by saying that Mrs. Barlow, being again in a very nervous condition, and stating that she did not feel able to manage her affairs, the question of power of attorney was revived, and Dr. Fawcett consented to act, but only conjointly with the lady's solicitor and bank manager. On April 30th, 1917, she made a will the effect of which was that, with the exception of a few small legacies, the whole of her property was divided between the nurse and the doctor. The suggestion of the charge was that, as one of the Appeal Court judges stated, the testatrix was under the domination of the nurse, that although she understood what she was doing, she had to do it, and that the nurse in having her under control was supported by the doctor. He read the judgements of Mr. Justice Horridge, and of the Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Scrutton, and Mr. Justice Eve, in the Court of Appeal, whereby the will was pronounced invalid.

Dr. L. A. WEATHERLY of Bournemouth gave evidence. He said that he first heard of the case from Mr. Haydon, the lady's solicitor, on April 21st, 1917. His instructions were, being a mental specialist, to examine Mrs. Barlow in order to determine her competency to make a will. He examined her the following day, and reported that she understood the character of her property, the extent of her power of disposition, and the nature and effects of the act she desired to do. He found her of sound mind and memory, and perfectly capable of making a will. On April 30th he went again, when he witnessed the will. He was present also on May 4th, when Mr. Pring, who had come to see his grand-aunt as the result of certain rumours about her friends being excluded, was received with marked coldness by the old lady. There was absolutely nothing in Mrs. Barlow's condition which made it necessary to prevent her friends from seeing her, and knowing as he did that Dr. Fawcett was benefiting under the will, he thought it his duty to see him and talk matters over. He pointed out to Dr. Fawcett that although the will would never be upset on the ground of insanity, it might be upset on that of undue influence. Dr. Fawcett did not take it as a friendly action at all, but as an interference which he resented. In cross-examination Dr. Weatherly said that in his written record of the interview with Dr. Fawcett the will was not mentioned, but the notes he had made were quite brief, and for the sake of Dr. Fawcett he mitigated the case as much as possible in view of the fact that the document might be brought into a public court; moreover, Mr. Haydon suggested to him that it would be well to let the matter of the interview drop, and it was only under pressure while giving evidence in the court that he had referred to it.

After the Rev. R. H. PRING had given certain corroborative evidence,

Mr. COTES-PREEDY made his speech for the defence. He said that the issue was not whether the nurse-companion exercised undue influence, although the bulk of Mr. Harper's opening speech would apply to her. He regretted that this case was not tried by a jury; there had been a grave miscarriage of justice. What direct evidence was there that Dr. Fawcett had exercised coercion? Mr. Justice Horridge had said that he had come to the conclusion that until April 14th, 1917, Mrs. Barlow intended to benefit the Prings. The will was made on April 30th. Could Dr. Fawcett in sixteen days have brought about such a transformation in the mind of the old lady as to induce her to disinherit her relatives and make a will in his favour? Dr. Weatherly had said that at the time she executed the will she was of sound understanding. He suggested that during the interview between Dr. Fawcett and Dr. Weatherly there was no mention of the will, and that that was an afterthought on Dr. Weatherly's part. He reminded the Council that Dr. Fawcett had refused to act under power of attorney unless the lady's solicitor and her banker acted with him. Wherever there was any direct evidence as to the doctor, it showed his conduct as absolutely correct.

Mr. C. J. HAYDON, the solicitor and co-executor of the will, gave evidence as to the transfer of the £1,000 War Stock. He said that at the time the power of attorney was being prepared Miss Wearham called and said that Mrs. Barlow wanted to see him with regard to this transfer. He advised Mrs. Barlow to carry out the operation through her bank manager, but she told him that at the time she purchased the stock she intended giving it to Dr. Fawcett, and she denied, on his interrogation, that the matter had been suggested to her by any one. Under those circumstances he arranged for the transfer. With regard to the will, he took the precaution, knowing that she was giving power of attorney, of getting expert advice as to her competency, and accordingly it was arranged that Dr. Weatherly should examine her. She told the witness that no one had prompted her; it was absolutely her wish to dispose of her property in this fashion. She said that she had known Dr. Fawcett for some years, and he had been kind and attentive. She declared also that she had not told Dr. Fawcett of her dispositions.

Dr. FAWCETT, in evidence, said that the accusation of excluding visitors was based on exaggeration. The only individual whom he had suggested should be excluded was a former nurse-companion who came frequently and acted on Mrs. Barlow as an irritant. So far from excluding relatives, he had actually brought about a reconciliation between one of the Barlow family and Mrs. Barlow; that was after the will was made. He never knew that he was benefiting under the will until after Mrs. Barlow's death. He was sure that she acted, both in that matter and in the matter of the transfer, of her own free will. He added that he had returned the £1,000 War Stock since the Court of Appeal judgement. He resented Dr. Weatherly's suggestion at the interview that he was acting in any private manner with regard to his patient.

After the Council had deliberated in private for over half an hour, the PRESIDENT announced the Council's decision as follows:

Dr. Fawcett, I have to inform you that the Council has given careful consideration to your case; it has judged you to have been guilty of infamous conduct in a professional respect, and has directed the Registrar to erase your name from the *Medical Register*.

Saturday, May 31st.

Sir NORMAN MOORE presiding.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

Dr. MACKAY presented a brief oral report from the Education Committee. The Council had addressed to the various teaching institutions certain questions on the subject of the teaching of preventive medicine, but as yet not all the institutions had replied. It was of very great importance that the Council should begin to deal fully with this subject. Speaking with regard to the preliminary examination system, he said that the Council had taken various steps forward in the past, but much remained to be done. He hoped that those bodies which were responsible for examinations below the intermediate standard (the first schools examination of the Board of Education *plus* two passes with credit) would seek to have them tested by a responsible authority. In that way the task of differentiation, which at present was very difficult for the Council to undertake, would be simplified. He would advise that this should be done at once, as it might come about that the Council would find itself in a position to cut off all examinations below a certain standard.

Dr. MCVAIL emphasized the importance of the teaching of preventive medicine, a question which was taking the schools' authorities of the country some time to deal with.

EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

Dr. NORMAN WALKER presented a report from the Examination Committee on matters relating to the

Apothecaries' Hall of Ireland. It included a report from Dr. John Magee Finny on the primary, intermediate, and final examinations of that body for the period March to December, 1918. Though there were some criticisms which required and would doubtless receive consideration from the authorities of the Apothecaries' Hall, the report was in the main favourable. Dr. Finny had been reappointed deputy.

Dr. MAGENNIS said that the report was to his mind very satisfactory and very fair, as might have been expected from Dr. Finny. He took the opportunity of thanking the Council for their forbearance with his frequent interventions on behalf of the Apothecaries' Hall.

Dr. NORMAN WALKER also moved a report of the Committee giving an analysis of the annual tables for 1918, showing the results of the examinations of the licensing bodies in medicine, surgery, and midwifery. The report included a communication from the Council of British Ophthalmologists which recommended that no student should be admitted to the final examination qualifying to practise medicine unless he had attended an ophthalmic clinic for not less than six hours a week, during a period of three months, and had attended a course of systematic instruction in ophthalmology; and, further, that no student should be considered to have passed the qualifying examination unless he had shown a sound knowledge of practical ophthalmology in an examination conducted by ophthalmic surgeons. His committee, however (Dr. Norman Walker continued), was not in favour of requiring a special examination in ophthalmology, but recommended

That every student should be required to attend a course of practical instruction in ophthalmology of not less than ten weeks' duration, and that no student should be admitted to the final examination unless he presents a certificate to the effect that he has attended such a course regularly, and that his work in connexion therewith has reached a satisfactory standard.

Sir JOHN MOORE, in seconding, said that the Conjoint Board in Ireland with which he was associated was one of the five examining bodies which did examine in ophthalmology, and the examination was an excellent thing, but he was nevertheless in favour of the proposition that it should not be made a compulsory subject.

Dr. LITTLEJOHN said that if a special examination in ophthalmology were accepted it would be necessary to follow the same course with other special subjects.

The Committee's recommendation was adopted.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Sir JOHN MOORE, in bringing forward the report of the Public Health Committee, said that the Metropolitan Asylums Board had suggested that the number of attendances at hospitals for infectious diseases required in the regulations and rules for diplomas in public health should be reduced, but his committee after careful consideration found itself unable to recommend any reduction. He also moved, in accordance with an opinion expressed by the Council in 1914, which had not been put into effect owing to the war:

That it is advisable that all examinations conducted for the purpose of conferring the several registrable degrees, diplomas, or certificates in sanitary science, public health, or state medicine, specified in Table G, at page lxxv of the *Medical Register*, should be inspected, and that it be remitted to the Executive Committee to consider and report upon the necessary arrangements for the inspection.

The recommendation was agreed to.

PHARMACOPOEIA COMMITTEE.

Sir NORMAN MOORE presented the report of the Pharmacopoeia Committee, in which it was stated that the necessary legal steps had been taken for the withdrawal of the temporary alterations in the *Pharmacopoeia* in connexion with the supplies of sugar, glycerin, fats, and oils, which, the Government authorities announced, were now sufficient for the uses of pharmacy.

STUDENTS' REGISTRATION COMMITTEE.

Sir NORMAN MOORE moved the report of the Students' Registration Committee on cases of exceptional registration as students and the antedating of the commencement of professional study. St. Leonards School, St. Andrews, was added to the list of recognized teaching institutions approved by the Council.

DENTAL EDUCATION AND EXAMINATION COMMITTEE.

Sir CHARLES TOMES moved the report of the Dental Education and Examination Committee on various applications for exceptional registration. The recommendations of the Committee in each individual case were put and agreed to. Sir Charles said that a number of applications had been received from Canadians and others in which the data presented were insufficient to enable the Committee to decide whether to recommend them or not. They would doubtless renew their applications with fuller evidence at a later date.

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES.

All the reports having been received and entered on the minutes, the nominations of Branch Councils for three Committees were adopted:

Examination Committee.—Dr. Elliot Smith, Dr. Caton, Mr. Barling (by English Branch Council); Dr. Cash, Dr. Russell, Dr. Norman Walker (by Scottish Branch Council); Sir John Moore, Sir Arthur Chance, Dr. Kidd (by Irish Branch Council).

Education Committee.—Sir Norman Moore, Sir F. Champneys, Dr. Howden (by English Branch Council); Dr. Mackay, Mr. Hodsdon, Dr. Knox (by Scottish Branch Council); Sir A. Chance, Sir B. Windle, Dr. Dixon (by Irish Branch Council).

Public Health Committee.—Sir A. Newsholme, Dr. Latimer, Sir J. Verrall (by English Branch Council); Dr. McVail, Dr. Littlejohn, Sir D. MacAlister (by Scottish Branch Council); Sir J. Moore, Dr. Magennis, Dr. C. Bigger (by Irish Branch Council).

Colonel King was reappointed Registrar, and the Council closed its session after passing votes of thanks to the President and to Sir Norman Moore for presiding.

[We are compelled to postpone publication of the account of the discussion on the report of the Departmental Committee on dental practice by unqualified persons.]

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following announcements are notified by the Admiralty: Surgeon Commander A. E. Weightman (ret.), O.B.E., has been promoted to the rank of Surgeon Captain in recognition of services rendered during the war. Surgeon Commander P. T. Nicholls to the *Valiant*. Surgeon Lieutenant Commander J. H. B. Martin to the *Mersey*, A. H. S. Richardson to the *Constance*, M. C. Masson to the *Revenge*, W. H. Edgar to the *Sandhurst*. Surgeon Lieutenant C. H. Symons to the *Erebus*. Surgeon Lieutenants (temporary) G. B. Lowe to the *Prince George*, H. W. Archer-Hall to the *Pembroke*, for R.N. Barracks, Chatham; A. L. Punch to the R.N. Hospital, Portland; H. Wilks to R.M. Division, Forton; N. K. Henderson to the *Vernon*, H. Morrison to R.M. Camp, Whitchurch, Tavistock; E. P. Brockman to the *Lion*, S. L. Higgs to Plymouth Hospital.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Colonels R. L. R. Macleod, C.B., and N. C. Ferguson, C.M.G., retire on retired pay.

Temporary Colonels G. E. Gask, C.M.G., D.S.O. (Major R.A.M.C.T.F.), and W. H. Willcox, C.B., C.M.G. (Captain R.A.M.C.T.F.), relinquish their temporary commissions on reposting.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Temporary Lieut.-Colonels J. E. H. Davies, D.S.O., and R. H. Mills-Roberts, C.M.G., relinquish their commissions on ceasing to serve with the Welsh Division Field Ambulance and retain the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major and Brevet Lieut.-Colonel W. Benson, D.S.O., to be acting Lieutenant-Colonel whilst specially employed.

The following relinquish the acting rank of Colonel on reposting: Major R. N. Woodley, D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel and Brevet Colonel R. S. Hannay, C.M.G., D.S.O., Lieut.-Colonel H. G. Martin, C.M.G., Lieut.-Colonel H. M. Morton, D.S.O.

The following relinquish the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on reposting: Majors P. C. T. Davy, C.M.G., J. M. M. Crawford, R. C. Wilson, Captain and Brevet Major F. T. Dowling, Captains H. G. Monteith, D.S.O., F. C. Davidson, M.C., J. D. Bowie, D.S.O., G. F. Allison.

The following relinquish the acting rank of Major on reposting: Captains R. A. Mansell, M.B.E., J. K. Gaunt, W. V. Corbett, J. la F. Lauder, D.S.O., M.C., temporary Captains V. D. C. Wakeford, B. Pickering, D. C. Taylor, M.C., T. H. Just, A. S. Wakely, J. R. Anderson, G. Clarke, R. S. Dewar, J. MacInnes, A. Felling, E. Kidd, A. Topping, A. R. Elliott.

Major R. N. Hunt, D.S.O., to be acting Lieutenant-Colonel whilst commanding a medical unit.

Captain (acting Major) A. G. Wells, D.S.O., relinquishes the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, and retains the acting rank of Major.

To be acting Majors: Captains W. T. Graham, T. K. Boney, Temporary Captains C. H. B. Booth, H. North, J. S. Williamson.

Temporary Captains relinquish the acting rank of Major: A. G. Caldwell, J. McF. Grier, A. H. Thomas, J. L. Rankine, W. S. McGowan.

The notification regarding Captain E. Catford in the *London Gazette*, January 31st, 1919, is cancelled.

R. B. Rutherford, late temporary Captain (acting Major), is granted the rank of Major.

Lieutenants (temporary Captains) to be Captains: W. H. A. D. Sutton, W. D. Newland, M.C., L. S. C. Roche, M.C., C. L. Emmerson, F. A. R. Hacker.

L. B. Cane (Captain R.A.M.C.T.F.) to be temporary Lieutenant September 3rd, 1914 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette*, September 9th, 1919).

Temporary Lieutenants to be temporary Captains: W. L. Stuart, W. J. G. Johnson, J. T. Reardon, D. B. Leitch, C. H. Aylen, E. R.

Wheeler, T. J. Richardson, S. E. Murray, S. F. Boyle, J. J. Hughes, J. Anastasi, C. W. Somerville, J. Russell, A. Bremner.

The following relinquish their commissions:—Temporary Lieut.-Colonel T. E. Sandall, C.M.G., Lieut.-Colonel James W. Alexander, D.S.O., T.F.Res. (on reposting). Temporary Majors, and retain the rank of Major: B. H. Slater, A. Stodart-Walker, C. Noon (on ceasing to serve with the Norfolk War Hospital). Temporary Captains, and are granted the rank of Lieut.-Colonel: J. R. C. Greenless, H. K. Wallace. Temporary Captains, and are granted the rank of Major: C. J. H. Sharp, M.C., R. J. Vernon, J. M. Clements, A. W. H. Donaldson, W. S. Stevenson, E. B. Sunderland, C. E. Murphy, H. V. Leigh, J. I. P. Wilson, R. E. H. Leach, W. Ward-Smith, R. J. T. Thornhill. Temporary Captains, and retain the rank of Captain: M. G. Dobbyn, G. A. F. Heyworth, I. H. S. Hawes, P. Wood, H. G. Westropp, C. F. White, W. H. Sutcliffe, M.C., H. B. Scargill, C. W. Jenner, W. H. Brown, G. W. Thwaites, A. H. Smith, W. Sanderson, W. W. Wells, E. H. White, J. H. Drew, J. Wells, S. Upton, V. C. Montgomery, E. W. Sheaf, G. D. Shann, G. Young, J. Walker, A. J. Pirie, C. P. A. Stranaghan, G. W. Sudlow, R. D. Clayton, A. C. Strain, S. Nix, W. Tregenza, R. A. S. Sunderland, G. D. Watkins, D.S.O., M.C., S. L. O. Young, J. R. Anderson, P. C. E. d'E. Wheeler, D. C. Suttie, M.C., H. K. Waller, D. M. Stone, R. L. Worsley, H. L. W. Wemyss, H. H. Whaite, J. A. West, D. Thomson, A. Sandison, W. J. B. Selkirk, J. J. Walshe, F. H. W. Brewer, C. H. Bannerman, J. H. Bogan, G. T. Birks, H. Brayshaw, H. B. Billups, C. Gibson, W. Bainbridge, E. Bromley, H. J. Hoile, H. R. Ford, W. T. Collier, M.C., M. H. Cane, A. T. Cunningham, M.C., R. H. Hadfield, R. W. H. Meredith, A. C. Price, J. Pender, G. F. P. Heathcote, M.C., C. B. Gervis, C. H. Gunson, W. Eardley, W. Cunningham (on account of ill health contracted on active service), J. D. Ryan, W. H. Steele, A. M. M. Roberts, G. R. Rew, E. H. Rainey, R. B. Radcliffe, A. H. Rentoul, E. H. Roberts, M. S. Wood, J. K. Reid, T. R. Robertson, R. A. Shekleton, A. MacMillan, A. White, H. L. Messenger, M.C., H. D. McCall, W. R. Main, E. C. Rayner, A. S. Wakeley, W. H. Scott, M.C., J. B. Walker, G. S. Robertson, O. A. J. N. Muriset, H. H. Weekes, A. E. Stevens, G. M. Simpson, G. W. Twigg, M. Stewart, J. A. H. Vanderwert, J. W. H. Boyd, E. D. McCrea, C. H. Hopwood, J. G. T. Thomas, M.C., C. G. Teall, W. C. Lodwidge, P. C. Litchfield, M.C., W. A. Shann, T. Warner, D. J. McRae, H. E. White, J. F. H. Stallman, M. Macleod, H. Pierce, H. Mackenzie, H. J. More, A. C. West, J. W. Thomas, P. Talbot, E. M. Mahon, R. M. Marshall, R. N. Salaman, W. B. Tannahill, W. E. Wallis, W. Wallace, A. Wilkin, J. H. Thompson, A. B. Sykes, E. R. Thompson. Temporary Lieutenants and retain the rank of Lieutenant: T. Wallace, L. N. H. Biggs, J. D. E. Williams, G. Ap Thomas, W. H. M. Smith, T. T. Smith.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.

MEDICAL BRANCH.

Transferred to the unemployed list: Captains W. B. Dove, C. C. Fitzgerald, M.C. (R.A.M.C.).

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Captain F. Oppenheimer to be acting Major from June 2nd, 1918, to March 11th, 1919.

Captain R. T. C. Robertson, D.S.O., relinquishes the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel on reposting.

Captains relinquish the acting rank of Major:—J. A. L. Wilson. On reposting: J. H. Beverland, M.C., A. B. Mitchell, M.C.

Lieutenants to be Captains: J. S. Mann, G. E. Tilsley, T. A. Butcher, J. C. Morris, W. A. Jackman, R. W. C. Ball, C. W. Hayward, E. F. Rabey, R. Hilliard, E. S. Rose, E. B. Verney.

Lieutenant T. Colley relinquishes his commission on account of ill health contracted on active service, and retains the rank of Lieutenant.

OVERSEAS CONTINGENTS.

CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Temporary Lieut.-Colonel R. H. Macdonald, M.C., C.A.M.C., to be A.D.M.S. and to be acting Colonel whilst so employed.

Temporary Captain J. K. Mossmann, M.C., C.A.M.C., to be D.A.D.M.S.

CANADIAN ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Temporary Lieut.-Colonel P. Burnett, D.S.O., to command a Canadian General Hospital and to be acting Colonel while so employed.

Temporary Lieut.-Colonel E. L. Stone to be acting Colonel while commanding Canadian Stationary Hospital, Witley.

Temporary Majors C. F. L. Haszard and W. T. Lockhart to be acting Lieutenant-Colonels, and temporary Captains J. W. Hunt, J. S. Fitzsimmons, and J. D. Jones, to be acting Majors whilst employed at Canadian Stationary Hospital, Witley.

Temporary Major A. H. Taylor, M.C., to be acting Lieutenant-Colonel whilst O.C. Troops, H.M.A.T. *Essequibo*.

Temporary Major S. L. Walker to be acting Lieutenant-Colonel.

Temporary Captain G. H. Jardine to be temporary Major.

Temporary Captain (acting Major) A. J. Lomas retains the acting rank of Major while employed on Board of Survey—Inspection of Troopships.

Temporary Major (acting Lieut.-Colonel) R. St. J. MacDonald to be acting Colonel.

Temporary Captains to be acting Majors: D. S. Lewis (while employed with No. 3 Canadian General Hospital), H. G. Murray, A. Sterling, S. Sprague, R. F. Slater, J. R. McRae, G. S. Gordon, W. E. Gallie (while employed at Granville Canadian Special Hospital, Buxton), C. M. Strong (while employed as surgeon, No. 9 Canadian General Hospital), B. R. Almquest (while employed at Canadian Stationary Hospital, Etchinghill), D. A. MacLeod (while employed with No. 7 Canadian Stationary Hospital).

Temporary Captain (acting Major) F. J. Tees, M.C., to be acting Lieutenant-Colonel while employed at Granville Canadian Special Hospital, Buxton.

Temporary Captains H. D. L. Spence and W. J. Grant retire in the British Isles.

TERRITORIAL FORCE.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICE.

Colonel A. M. Connell relinquishes his commission on account of ill health and retains the rank of Colonel.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieut.-Colonel (acting Colonel) W. R. Matthews, D.S.O., relinquishes his acting rank on vacating the appointment of A.D.M.S.

Major W. K. Pauli relinquishes his commission on account of ill health contracted on active service, and retains the rank of Major.

Captain A. E. Mackenzie relinquishes his commission on account of ill health caused by wounds and retains the rank of Captain.

Officers relinquish their acting rank on ceasing to be specially employed: Captain (Brevet Major—acting Lieut.-Colonel) D. W. Boswell, Captain (Brevet Major—acting Major) A. A. Jubb, Captains (acting Majors) F. P. Gibson, A. Ricketts, C.M.G.

1st London General Hospital.—Major G. E. Gask, C.M.G., D.S.O., is restored to the establishment on ceasing to hold a temporary commission in the A.M.S.

3rd Southern General Hospital—Major E. Mallam and Captain J. F. Robinson are seconded for service with a special military surgical hospital.

4th Southern General Hospital.—Captain (Brevet Major) E. G. Smith is seconded for service at the Military Hospital, Devonport. Captain E. R. Clarke is restored to the establishment.

Sanitary Service.—Captain (acting Major) L. R. Tosswill relinquishes his acting rank on vacating the appointment of D.A.D.M.S.

APPOINTMENTS.

DAVIS, O. C. M., M.B.Brist., D.Sc.Lond., F.I.C., Honorary Out-patient Physician to Bristol Royal Hospital for Sick Children and Women.

GIBSON, Robert, M.D., Honorary Assistant Physician to Manchester and Salford Hospital for Skin Diseases.

SIMPSON, E. S., M.C., M.D.Edin., Medical Superintendent of the East Riding (Yorks) Asylum.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—The following appointments have been made:—Senior Resident Medical Officer: Miss E. C. Lewis, F.R.C.S. House-Surgeons: Major Fitzpatrick, M.B., B.S.; Miss McKeown, M.B., B.S. Curator of the Museum: Miss Paterson, M.D.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is **6s.**, *which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Wednesday morning in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.*

BIRTH.

BROWN.—On May 27th, at Highcroft, Minchinhampton, Glos, the wife of Alfred Brown, M.D.—a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

COX—HOWARTH.—At Stand Church, Whitefield, Lancashire, on June 4th, 1919, by the Rev. J. H. Hopkinson, M.A.Camb., of Holy Trinity, Colne, George Lissant Cox, M.A., M.D.Camb., of Liverpool and 45, West Cliff, Preston, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Cox of Liverpool and Underfell, Bowness-on-Windermere, to Marguerita (Rita) Howarth, M.A.Manch., elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Howarth, Stand Lodge, Radcliffe, Lancashire.

Silver Wedding.

PEARSON—HUGHES.—On June 5th, 1894, at Douglas Church, Parbold, Southport, by the Rev. Fred. R. Pearson, Rector of St. Alban's, Manchester, brother of the bridegroom, and the Rev. H. P. Owen-Smith, Vicar of the parish, Reginald Spencer Pearson, M.R.C.S.Eng., and L.R.C.P.Lond., younger son of the late Rev. James Pearson, M.A., F.R.A.S., Vicar of Fleetwood, to Minnie Savile, youngest daughter of Mr. W. Hughes of Wakefield, Yorks.

DEATHS.

FRANKLIN.—On June 2nd, at 18, High Street, Fareham, Hants, George Cooper Franklin, F.R.C.S., LL.D., M.B.E., formerly of Leicester, in his 74th year.

PARSONS-SMITH.—On May 28th, at Khartoum, suddenly, Eustace Macartney Parsons-Smith, M.B., B.S.Lond., Captain R.A.M.C. (attached Egyptian Army), youngest son of the late Samuel Parsons-Smith of Addiscombe, Croydon, aged 34.

PROCTER.—On the 20th May, Thomas Procter, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., of Marshfield, Chippenham, aged 70 years.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, Pall Mall East, S.W.—Thursday, 5 p.m., Croonian Lecture by Professor G. Elliot Smith, F.R.S.: The Significance of the Cerebral Cortex.

DIARY OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.		Meetings to be Held.
		JUNE.
11	Wed.	South-Western Branch, Annual Meeting, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital; Luncheon, 1 p.m. to 2.30 p.m.; Meeting 3 p.m.; Dinner, 7.30 p.m.; Meeting of the Profession, 11.30 a.m.
		South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch, Annual Meeting, Llanelly, 3.30 p.m.
12	Thur.	London: Propaganda Subcommittee, 11.30 a.m.
		Bedford Division, Annual Meeting, Bedford, 3 p.m.; Luncheon, 1.30 p.m.
		Newcastle-on-Tyne Division, Annual Meeting, Newcastle-on-Tyne, 8 p.m.
18	Wed.	London: Finance Committee, 2.30 p.m.
		Dundee Branch, Annual Meeting, Dundee, 5 p.m.; Dinner, 7 p.m.
		Kent Branch, Annual Meeting, Chatham; Luncheon, 1 p.m.; Dockyard, 2 p.m.; Tea, 4 p.m.; Meeting, 4.30 p.m.; Dinner, 6.30 p.m.
		Surrey Branch, Annual Meeting, Croydon Town Hall; Luncheon, 1.15 p.m.; Dinner, 6.30 p.m.
19	Thur.	Central Division, Birmingham Branch, 18, Bennett's Hill, 3.30 p.m.
20	Fri.	East Yorkshire Division, Annual Meeting, Hull Royal Infirmary, 8.15 p.m.
		Leinster Branch, Annual Meeting, Dublin, 5 p.m.; followed by Meetings of Dublin and East Leinster Divisions.
25	Wed.	London: **Council Meeting.**
26	Thur.	Metropolitan Counties Branch, Annual Meeting, 429, Strand, W.C.2, at 4.30 p.m.

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